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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This is in response to the Office Action of August 27, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 are pending and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Patent Office has contended that these claims are as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,017,586 to Payn et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. In view of the remarks that follow, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.